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To: California Coastal Commissioners and Interested Persons

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Subject: Amendment to Interagency Agreement with the State Coastal Conservancy to Create a Geographic Information System for implementation of the California Coastal Trail

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to amend an interagency agreement with the State Coastal Conservancy to support the implementation of the California Coastal Trail Geographic Information System (GIS). The amendment would extend the term of the existing agreement and increase the total amount of the agreement by \$56,250.

Project Description and Summary

Staff from the State Coastal Conservancy, the Coastal Commission, and the Department of Parks and Recreation, have been working together for several years to gather existing sources of information relevant to the California Coastal Trail System, to develop a digital geographic information system (GIS) for the purpose of trail alternative analysis and design, and to prepare maps and other graphic products that depict the trail alignment and relevant data. The Commission and Conservancy already have an existing Interagency Agreement in place whereby funding has been made available to support this work.

The staff is recommending that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to amend the existing Coastal Trail Interagency agreement with the Conservancy for the purposes of extending the term of the agreement to June of 2008, and in order to accept an additional \$56,250 to be used for the acquisition and installation of relevant data that has already been produced by other agencies or private firms.

During this period, the Coastal Commission staff will use these funds to acquire new aerial imagery and road data needed for completing the basic GIS framework and trail data layers, and other relevant information needed for both descriptive and analytic purposes. The development of the Coastal Trail GIS system is being coordinated with both the California Coastal Conservancy and with the independent efforts of the Department of Parks and Recreation to develop an information system for management of the State Park system.